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SUBJ: EXPORTS OF CHINESE CRUDE OIL TO THE U.S.

1. MOBIL TEAM, LED BY CHECKET OF THEIR SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, HELD DISCUSSIONS MAY 19 ON THE IMPORT INTO THE U.S. OF "A TOKEN AMOUNT" OF 5,000 TO 10,000 BARRELS OF TACHING CRUDE PER DAY. THE

INITIAL CHINESE REACTION WAS FAVORABLE, AND CHECKET AND HIS TEAM WERE INVITED TO TALK WITH THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM INDUSTRY. CHANG YU-PO, DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CHEMICALS CORPORATION, TOLD MOBIL THAT THE PRC'S CRUDE WAS FULLY COMMITTED FOR 1977, BUT THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS EXPORTS FOR LATER PERIODS. AT A FAREWELL DINNER, CHANG STATED THAT THE VISIT HAD BEEN TOO SHORT, AND INVITED THE MOBIL TEAM TORETURN FOR DETAILED DISCUSSIONS AT AN EARLY DATE.

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2. COMMENT: WHILE THESE IMPORTS WOULD BE A TOKEN AMOUNT TO MOBIL, THEY WOULD NOT BE "TOKEN" TO THE PRC. THE AMOUNTS ABOVE WOULD TOTAL FROM 240,000 TO 480,000 TONS A YEAR, OR AS MUCH AS FIVE PERCENT OF CURRENT CHINESE EXPORTS OF CRUDE.

3. THIS INFORMATION IS COMMERCIALLY VERY SENSITIVE AND SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED OUTSIDE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. DEAN

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